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FYI --

From: Budner, Amy
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 5:11 PM
To: 'Minora, Matt'
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Subject: RE: Meeting today re: Cyprus

Hi, Matt~

Thanks so much for taking time to meet with Robert and me last week. Sorry for the delay in following up. As we discussed, attached is the appropriations report language recently submitted to the State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee for FY2012 consideration. This language is very similar to language included in draft versions of both the House and Senate bills in FY2011. (Ultimately, neither of those were enacted due to the year-long CR).

I also am attaching the current Member list for the Hellenic Caucus. They frequently organize events for visiting delegations from Cyprus. In fact, they will likely be doing so for an upcoming visit during the week of July 11th by the Mayor of a Cypriot city called Famagusta. (Famagusta is unique because it is actually a fenced-off ghost town in the occupied area of the island, but its citizens still hold elections and have representation.) Mayor Galanos may also be meeting with Members of the Europe Subcommittee, so please let us know if your boss would be interested in attending that event. It is quite an interesting story he has to tell!

Lastly, I think we mentioned the increased bilateral relations between Cyprus and Israel. Attached is a brief document detailing that relationship.

If you need anything else, or have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Best,
Amy

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6/28/2011

To: Budner, Amy
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Amy,

I am as well. See you then.

Matt


From: Budner, Amy [mailto:ABudner@PattonBoggs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 7:32 AM
To: Minora, Matt
Cc: Kapla, Robert
Subject: Meeting today re: Cyprus

Hi, Matt~

Look forward to meeting with you today at 2pm to discuss Cyprus. My colleague, Robert Kapla (copied here), will be joining us.

See you soon,
Amy

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Cyprus is strategically important to Israel. As the only European Union member located in the Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus is heavily invested in promoting long-term stability and security in the Middle East. It plays a constructive role in the region and maintains longstanding relations with all involved in the wider Arab-Israeli conflict. Israel and Cyprus are good partners with a growing and close cooperative relationship on a wide range of areas.

- In May 2010, Cyprus **rejected the request of a Turkish flotilla** to launch from the island on its way to break the Gaza blockade. Cyprus continues to participate in talks to **broker an agreement to ensure legitimate humanitarian aid shipments to Gaza**. Cyprus has offered to serve as the launch point for aid shipments to Gaza. Those shipments would be inspected in Cypriot ports before they are escorted to Gaza. President of Israel Shimon Peres stated that Cyprus was the first country to declare that it would not cooperate with flotillas to Gaza and in fact takes concrete steps to prevent flotillas from leaving its ports.
- In January 2009, Cyprus **intercepted a ship heading to Syria from Iran that was carrying weapons-related material and confiscated its cargo**. The cargo violated U.N. Security Council Resolutions banning arms exports from Iran.
- Cyprus has served as a **safe-haven for Israelis and Americans alike**. Most recently, one of the first planes carrying Americans evacuating Cairo landed in Cyprus. In 2006, Cyprus served as a safe haven for 15,000 Americans and others that evacuated Lebanon. There are historic relations between the two countries and the two peoples; Jewish refugees, Holocaust survivors who stayed in Cyprus during the British mandate period.
- In December 2010, Cyprus was the first country to deploy resources to **help Israel battle devastating forest fires on Mount Carmel**. Cyprus sent a police chopper capable of night flight and outfitted to carry up to one ton of water, and a firefighting plane of the Forestry Department. The Fire Department sent six small-sized mobile firefighting units backed up by 50 personnel.
- **Cyprus and Israel have a robust trade and economic relationship**. In 2008, there were 867 Israeli exporting companies to Cyprus. Total trade in 2007-2008 between Israel and Cyprus was almost \$1 billion.

- In December 2010, Cyprus and Israel signed an **agreement delineating their Exclusive Economic Zone ("EEZ")** in accordance with the 1982 U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea. The agreement ratified and entered into force on February 25, 2011, will allow the neighbors to forge ahead in the search for energy sources in the eastern Mediterranean. Israel and Cyprus have also committed to **cooperate on the development of cross border resources** that are discovered. Israel has said the signing reflects the close relationship between the two countries and offers "clarity to Israel's neighbors as to the precise location of Israel's maritime borders and its right to natural resources at sea. In light of the recent discovery of a wealth of natural resources in the Mediterranean Sea, the delimitation of Israel's borders will play an important role in securing Israel's vital economic interests." Indeed, Noble Energy of Houston, Texas recently discovered a major gas find off the shore of Israel. This find is timely because Israel currently receives a majority of its gas from Egypt, now a less secure source of energy. Noble Energy has been granted an Exploration License for an initial period of three years. Drilling activities are expected to start in the summer of 2011.
- In March, the President of Cyprus, Demetris Christofias, traveled to Israel. This was the **first official Heads of State visit to Israel by a Cypriot President**. A number of bilateral cooperation agreements in the economic, educational and scientific fields were signed. Among those, an agreement between the Cypriot Institute and the University of Tel Aviv, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cyprus Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Tel Aviv, a Protocol of Consultations for the Co-operation between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs and an Agreement of Co-operation in Postal Services. These come on top of the numerous bilateral Agreements that are already in place.

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PROPOSED LANGUAGE CONCERNING CYPRUS

The Committee recommendation includes \$11 million for assistance for Cyprus for scholarships, administrative support of the scholarship program, and bi-communal projects. The Committee intends that funds made available under this heading for assistance to Cyprus support measures aimed at reunification of the island. The Committee is aware of concerns that some projects on Cyprus have been funded without appropriate advance consultation with the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and recommends that such consultation occur in the interest of transparency in the allocation of funds. The Committee intends to review the effectiveness of programs to ensure they follow the stated objectives and intent of the law, and directs State to submit to the Committee a report on the uses of funds made available under the heading of Cyprus.

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